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Re: Docket UM 1481 - Motion to Continue Prehearing Conference Date
on Behalf of the Oregon Telecommunications Association

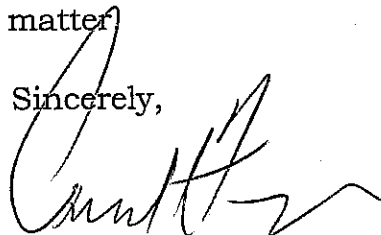
Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed are the original and five copies of the Motion to Continue
Prehearing Conference Date on behalf of the Oregon Telecommunications
Association.

The Certificate of Service is also enclosed.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



RICHARD A. FINNIGAN

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Enclosures

cc: Service List (via e-mail)

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON

UM 1481 (Phase III)

In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
OREGON

Staff investigation of the Oregon Universal
Service Fund.

OREGON TELECOMMUNICATIONS
ASSOCIATION'S MOTION TO CONTINUE
PREHEARING CONFERENCE DATE

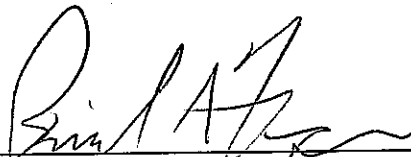
The Oregon Telecommunications Association (OTA) hereby moves for a change in the prehearing conference date. The basis for the Motion is to try to avoid a need for duplicative prehearing conferences and to conserve the resources of the parties and the Commission.

The original prehearing conference date was scheduled for October 29, 2013. It had been anticipated that Step One of this Phase III would have two workshops that would have been completed prior to the October 29, 2013, date. Step One is addressing issues related to accountability and transparency for the non-rural portion of the Oregon Universal Service Fund. It is OTA's understanding that the parties are having continuing discussions to try to resolve that Step. However, the parties needed additional time and moved the second workshop to November 1, 2013.

1 This means that it will not be until November 1, 2013, that the parties will know whether
2 Step One will need further process or can reach resolution without further process. If further
3 process is needed, a prehearing conference would be required to develop a schedule for that further
4 process. Thus, it does not make sense for the resources of the parties to be devoted to a prehearing
5 conference on October 29, when there may need to be another prehearing conference following the
6 November 1 workshop.

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8 The parties have conferred by email. It appears that the date that best fits the schedule of the
9 majority of the parties (it is not clear that every party has responded) for the prehearing conference
10 is November 13, 2013. Commission Staff supports the change of the prehearing conference date.
11 The Oregon Cable Telecommunications Association, tw telecom, Frontier Communications, the
12 Citizens Utility Board and CenturyLink have all indicated that they are available November 13.
13 The other parties have not responded. If the administrative law judge is available that date, OTA
14 requests that the prehearing conference be continued from October 29, 2013 to November 13, 2013.

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16 DATED: October 18, 2013.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
UM 1481

I certify that I sent the attached Motion to Continue Prehearing Conference Date on Behalf of the Oregon Telecommunications Association by electronic mail and U.S. mail to the following:

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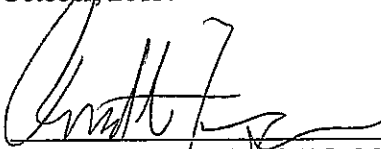
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